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the covering of their feet and legs. The women have an undergarment which they commonly wear at home in the house, consisting of breeches and waistcoat sewed together. The breeches are wide, like those of the *Dutch* skippers, and tie below the knee; the waistcoat is wide above, and drawn round with a string. The summer habits are made of dressed skins without hair; their winter garment is made of deer or stone-ram skins with the hair on. The undress or household habit of the men is a girdle of leather, with a bag before, and likewise a leathern apron to cover them behind: these girdles are sewed with hair of different colours. The *Kamtshadales* used formerly to go a hunting and fishing during the summer in this dress; but now this fashion is changed, and below their girdles they wear linen shirts, which they buy from the *Russians*. 291

The covering of their feet and legs is made of skins of different sorts; in the summer time during the rains, they wear the skins of seals with the hair outwards; but their most common covering is the skin of the legs of the rein-deer, and sometimes of the legs of other beasts, the shaggiest they can find, to preserve them against the cold. But the finest buskins, which both the *Cossacks* and *Kamtshadales* use in their greatest dress, are made in the following manner: the sole is of white seal-skin, the upper part of fine dyed leather, the hind quarters of white dog-skin; what comes round the legs is of dressed leather or dyed seal-skins: the upper parts are embroidered. These buskins are so extraordinary, that if a batchelor is observed to wear them he is immediately concluded to be upon a scheme of courtship. 292 584

They wear the same sort of caps as the people of *Yakutski*. In the summer they have a sort of hats of birch bark tied about their head: the *Kuriles* use in the summer time caps made of platted grass. The women's head-dress is the perukes that we formerly mentioned; and these were so dear to them, that when they 302 177